Issuance of passports by Goa passport office

4192. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued by passport office, Goa since its inception showing figures on a yearly basis; and

(b) whether current staff is sufficient to cope with the rush at the passport office, Goa?

THEMINISTEROF STATE IN THEMINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH), (a) A statement is enclosed *(See* below).

(b) The current strength is less than the required strength needed to cope with the applications received by PO Panaji.

Statement

Number of applications received and passports issued by PO Panaji since its inception in 1988

Year	No. of applications received	No. of passports issued
1988	12,256	12,127
1989	11,745	10,955
1990	10,633	10,311
1991	18,487	16,258
1992	20,137	20,821
1993	16,065	16,015
1994	14,051	13,681
1995	15,329	14,220
1996	15,875	14,279
1997	18,259	17,522
1998	19,774	18,284
1999	19,275	19,197
2000	19,599	18,730
2001 (upto 30-6-2001)	11,845	11,382